

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of August 10, 2005 and Interview Summary of October 14, 2005.

Attached in Exhibit A is a Rule 1.131 Declaration to establish an earlier completion of the subject matter disclosed in the above-referenced patent application. Specifically, inventors Chien-Sheng Chou, Charles G. Kanzinger, and Qing Zhang have established an earlier completion relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,920,430 to Berton et al., issued on July 19, 2005 with an effective filing date of September 22, 2000.

In addition, independent claims 1, 11 and 23 have been amended to include subject matter not disclosed and/or taught by any prior art reference cited in previous office actions, including U.S. patent 6,351,738 and U.S. patent 5,758,327.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

The Office Action

Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-23 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-6, 11-12 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al. in further view of U.S. Patent Number 6,415,320 to Hess et al.

Claims 9 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al. in further view of U.S. Patent Number 6,636,863 to Friesen.

Claims 10, 14, 17-18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al. in further view of U.S. Patent Number 5,987,423 to Arnold et al.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S.

Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al. in further view of U.S. Patent Number 5,970,475 to Barnes.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430 to Berton et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,910,018 to Okada et al. in further view of U.S. Patent Number 5,987,423 to Arnold et al. and U.S. Patent Number 6,415,320 to Hess et al.

With regard to **Claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-23**, as previously indicated, a Rule 1.131 Declaration has been provided to establish an earlier completion date, relative to U.S. Patent Number 6,920,430, issued to Berton et al. on July 19, 2005 with an effective filing date of September 22, 2000. Accordingly, all rejections presented in the last Office Action are requested to be withdrawn.

In addition, independent **Claims 1, 11 and 23**, and all claims that depend therefrom, have been amended to include a work site definition requiring a "group of users associated with a common geographical area" and "inventory items comprising forms associated with particular geographical areas." Accordingly, it is submitted that **Claims 1, 11 and 23**, and dependent **Claims 2-7, 9-10, 12-19 and 21-22**, are not disclosed or taught by U.S. Patent Number 5,970,475, issued to Barnes et al., or U.S. Patent Number 6,351,738, issued to Clark.

Specifically, the claimed features related to a work site and inventory items associated with particular geographical areas are not disclosed or taught by Barnes et al. and/or Clark.

CONCLUSION


For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (**Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21-23**) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Jeffrey N. Zahn, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

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